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- 1. The Communist Party of India (CPI) is organizing the agricultural workers in South India.
- An agricultural workers' union with an enrolled membership of 5,000 has been organized by the CPI. Recently this union demanded concession from one of the largest landlords in the area whereby the workers would be paid in kind and not in money. The landlord refused and reputedly launched prosecutions against leaders of the union with the connivance of the police. On the landlord's instructions several of the farm laborers were deliberately implicated in criminal cases.
- Pressure was brought to bear on the landlord by a local Communist group demanding that the landlord withdraw the prosecutions and settle with the laborers through the union. Following the landlord's refusal to concede to Communist demands, the latter threstened to destroy the landlord's paddy barns should a settlement not be reached within twenty-four hours. The lendlord's reply was immediately to inform the police of the ultimatum.
- Before the arrival of the police, however, at the exact hour mentioned by the ultimatum, the berns, containing paddy were burned to ashes lord's house was also fired by CTT agents.

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